## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Initially, with respect to the IDS's of February 13, 2004 and April 1, 2004, applicants note those papers are Related-Case Statements citing co-pending applications that may be considered relevant to the present application.

Claims 6 and 19 are amended by the present response to no longer recite any quotation marks, as suggested in the Office Action.

With respect to the rejection of claims 1-6 and 15-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, claim 1 is amended at line 5 to now recite a worm to be driven "by a driving source". That claim amendment is believed to address the rejection of those claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

With respect to withdrawn claims 7-14, those withdrawn claims are canceled by the present response without prejudice.

The present response is thus believed to address all issues in the outstanding Office Action and thereby each of pending claims 1-6 and 15-22 is believed to be allowable.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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